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SUPPLEMENT

1. It is reported that the SMA plans for readmission of the SPD in the Russian Zone call for appointment of pro-Russian Social Democrats to leading positions in the SPD as soon as the party is readmitted. In Saxony-Anhalt the SMA planned to make Oelschlager the head of the new SPD. Oelschlager allegedly uses his good contacts with various SPD leaders in order to furnish information to the Russians.

2. The SED chairman of Saxony-Anhalt told Communist leaders at a secret meeting in that province that they would have to become used to the idea that the SPD is going to be readmitted. He told them that this is merely a necessary tactical maneuver on the part of the SMA and that SMA orders are to be accepted in the future "as orders of the Communist International".

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3. [REDACTED] reports that the Social Democrats see through this maneuver of the SMA, but that they have agreed among themselves that they will not oppose readmission of the SPD and will rejoin the SPD as soon as it is readmitted. However, the SPD intends to instruct all ex-Social Democrats who now have influential positions in the SED not to resign from the SED when the SPD is readmitted but to remain in their present positions in the SED.

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